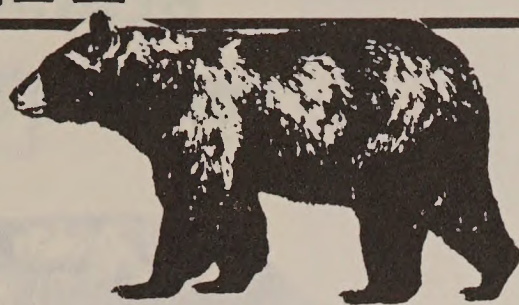


MONTANA

1987 BLACK BEAR HUNTING REGULATIONS



General Regulations

These regulations apply to all legally described Black Bear Hunting Districts.

Licenses — The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks Offices and most license agents throughout the state.

Conservation License (Prerequisite)	\$ 2.00
Resident Black Bear License	\$ 8.00
Nonresident Black Bear License	\$100.00

A black bear license is included in the resident Sportsman's License and nonresident Big Game Combination License.

Game Limit — Sportsman may harvest one black bear per license year. Female bears with young and individual cubs may not be harvested.

Tagging — Immediately after harvesting a black bear, sportsmen must cut out the proper month and the day of the harvest from the appropriate license/tag and attach to the animal in a secure and visible manner. If more than one date is cut out, the license is invalid. The properly validated license shall remain with the meat until consumed (including cold storage). If the meat is not retained, the validated license shall remain with the hide.

Sportsmen harvesting a black bear must leave evidence of sex naturally intact on the hide, and if required by the Department, must physically go back to the kill site for inspection.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements — Within 10 days of harvesting a black bear, arrangements must be made with a department official for removal of a premolar tooth which will be used to determine the bear's age.

Required Clothing Color — Any person hunting or accompanying a sportsmen as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

Attention Archers: Archers must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange while hunting in any hunting district where firearms are also permitted to be used. The hunter orange requirement is not in effect during the special archery seasons, which are specifically listed in these regulations as: ARCHERY ONLY.

Hunting Hours — Hunting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset. See official sunrise-sunset table on page 36 of the Big Game Hunting Regulations.

Baiting — It is illegal to bait bears or to hunt bears with dogs.

Landowner Permission — Sportsmen pursuing black bear must secure permission from the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting on private property, even if the land is not posted.

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BEAR HUNTERS — Know Your Target!

Look for a combination of characteristics

BLACK BEAR

Straight face profile

No hump

Shorter, darker claws



GRIZZLY BEAR

Hump

Dished face profile

Ruff of long hair in
Spring and Fall

Long, lighter claws



Color and size are misleading

Black Bear — General Season

- All black bear licenses are valid for the specified districts, seasons and sex as listed below.
- The following areas are closed to black bear hunting:
 - 1) All state Game Preserves
 - 2) All hunting districts beginning with the number 6 and 7
 - 3) Gallatin Closed Area (boundary description on page 8 of the Legal Descriptions)
 - 4) Deckard Flats (HD 313) closed as posted.

There are no bear harvest quotas/female sub-quotas in all 100-400 series black bear hunting districts.

100 SERIES DISTRICTS

	Apr. 15 - May 31	Either Sex
	Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex

Exceptions by hunting district

100, 101 & 103	Apr. 15 - May 15	Either Sex
	Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex

200 SERIES DISTRICTS

	Apr. 15 - May 31	Either Sex
	Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex

Exceptions by hunting district

204	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Threemile Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 204)
261	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 261)
282	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 8	Either Sex Either Sex	Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area Only
284	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Open to black bear hunting by ARCHERY ONLY
293	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 293)

300 SERIES DISTRICTS

	Apr. 15 - June 15	Either Sex
	Oct. 25 - Nov. 29	Either Sex

Exceptions by hunting district

Gallatin Closed Area - Closed to all hunting of black bear.

313 Deckard Flats (HD 313) closed as posted.

316	Apr. 15 - June 15 Sept. 15 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex
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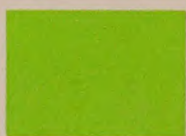
400 SERIES DISTRICTS

	Apr. 15 - Nov. 29	Either Sex
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Exceptions by hunting district

420	May 15 - Nov. 29	Either Sex	Judith River Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 420)
422	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	
424	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	
425	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	
425	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Sun River Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 425)
427	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 442 is reached or November 29, 1987, whichever occurs first.

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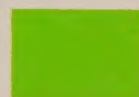
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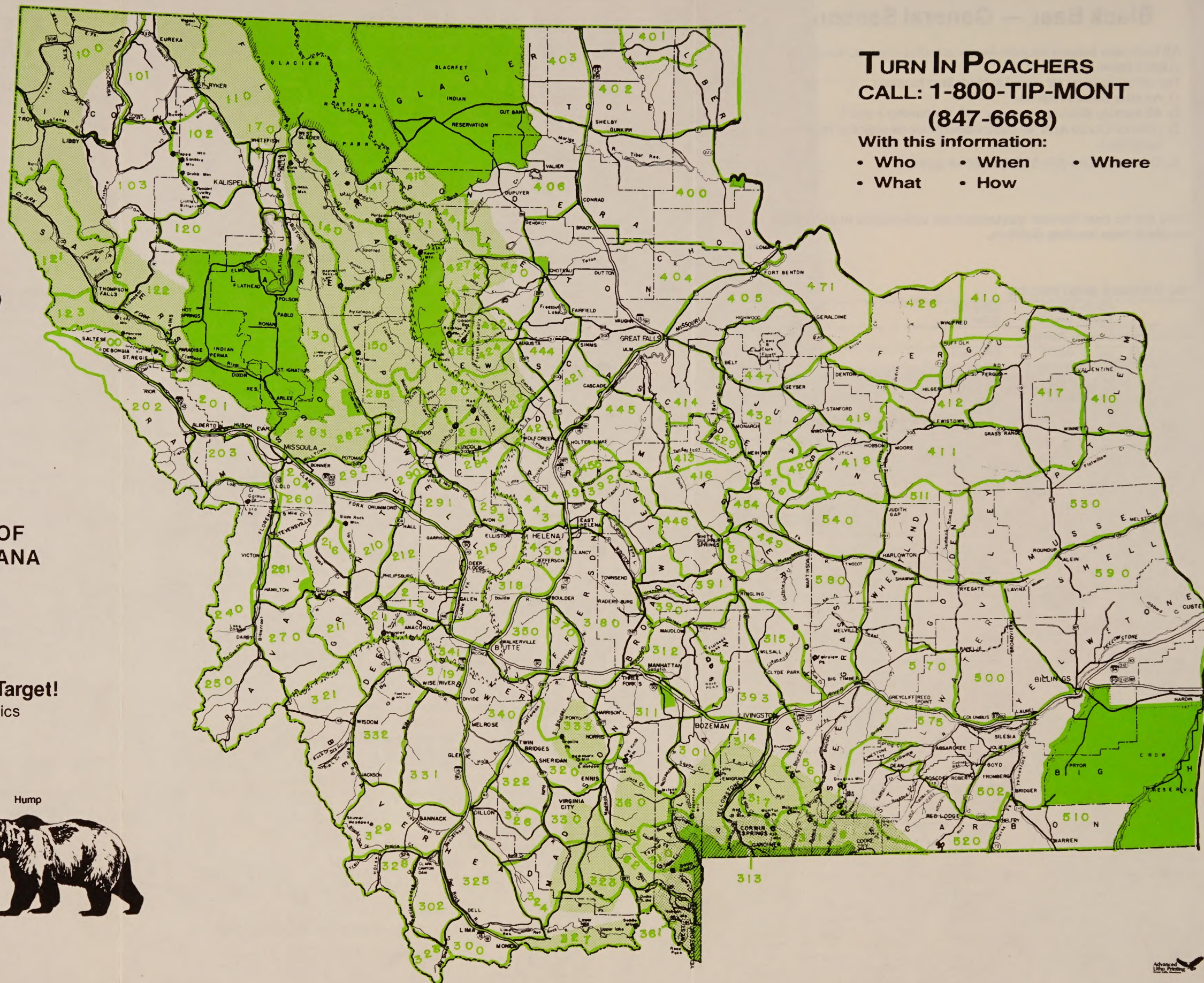


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(847-6668)

With this information:

- Who
- When
- Where
- What
- How



General Season (Continued)

428	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 424 is reached or November 29, 1987, whichever occurs first.
441	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	
441	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 441)
442	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	
442	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	Either Sex Either Sex	Ear Mountain Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 442)
455	May 15 - Nov. 29	Either Sex	Beartooth Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 455)

HUNTING DISTRICTS (OR GROUPS)	HUNTING SEASONS	BEAR HARVEST QUOTAS	
		TOTAL	FEMALE SUB-QUOTA
500 SERIES DISTRICTS			
502, 520, 560 & 575	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	25	8
510	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	7	2
500, 511, 530, 540 & 590	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	5	2
570 & 580	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 5 - Nov. 29	8	2

All 500 series districts listed above shall be open to hunting black bear of either sex.

When the quota or sub-quota is reached in the hunting district(s) or groups, the bear season for that area will close upon 48 hours notice, but no later than last date of season shown in the regulations.

Any person taking a black bear in 500 series districts must report the kill within 48 hours to an employee of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Region 5, and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an employee of the Department for purposes of inspection, recording of kill and removing a premolar tooth for aging. The hide and head must be retained even though damaged.

Black Bear — ARCHERY ONLY Season

- 1) Hunting District 316 and 324 - No ARCHERY ONLY.
 - 2) Gallatin Closed Area - No black bear hunting authorized.
 - 3) Deckard Flats (HD 313) closed as posted.
- ARCHERY ONLY season is September 5 - October 17, 1987, in all 300 series districts and hunting district 284, with the following exceptions.
 - Licenses are valid for either sex.
 - Female bears with young and individual cubs may not be harvested.
 - An archery stamp, plus the proper hunting license is required of all hunters during ARCHERY ONLY seasons.
 - During any ARCHERY ONLY season, only a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow may be used. Arrows dipped in or containing any poisonous, explosive or deleterious substances are prohibited.
 - Crossbows may not be used during ARCHERY ONLY seasons.



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